



Secretary's AGM 26 Report

Behind our
Great Club
is our awesome
Secretary

It's been a quite complex and intensive year with the Bondi incident followed by the government proposed amendments to the Firearms Act 1996, Firearms Regulation 2017 as well as changes to other Acts. There has been and continues to be, a fair bit of confusion about what the outcomes will be.

Nevertheless, I have to say that our members have been patient, understanding and constructive on this matter, and for that I thank our members.

Our membership is as strong as ever with over 100 new membership enquiries being processed. We are currently discussing removing the pause on new memberships and opening up for new members.

With thanks to our President and Captain, a successful logic has been applied to determine what is an acceptable number of members ensuring members will have:

- Access to Club Firearms (Air Pistol and Live Fire)
- The correct level of Supervision, Range Officers and Mentors
- Training for new members and long term supervision for minors
- Capacity to ensure members are accommodated at Live Fire Ranges

As Secretary, the role includes submission of various report and returns including but not limited to:

- Reports to Castle Hill RSL
- Annual return and Member Notification Forms (MNF) to NSWAPA
- Annual report to NSW Firearms Registry (FAR)

Other functions include:

- Chairing Committee Meetings
- Membership renewals
- Attendance reporting
- New member processing
- Responding to member queries
- Supporting members during:
 - Probationary Pistol Licence (PPL) application
 - Full Cat H application
 - Training management
- Permit To Acquire (PTA) Application Processing (29 processed this year so far)

This year we were able to support our Veteran community by offering an Air Pistol shooting opportunity at our Castle Hill range. The inaugural event was a great success and enjoyed by everyone. My thanks to all the volunteers on the day. This will now become a regular event.

I must give a great shout out of thanks to David Miller. David has been acting Secretary while I was away travelling and supported our members and the Committee during this period. David was also key in developing the Constitution update. I'm particularly grateful to be able to talk to David about any club aspect and the opportunity to test a logic or interpretation.

David Duffield also deserves a special mention as his support is always appreciated and not acknowledged enough.

All this could not happen without our Committee. It's been an absolute pleasure working with these guys throughout the year. Yes, we've had some robust and constructive debates but all were in the nature of improving our Club and services to our members.

Don't forget, your Committee is a group of volunteers that donate a significant amount of time to coordinate club activities and make this a very successful and safe club. This is affirmed by the number of enquiries received and the feedback I get from those enquiries.

There are opportunities for members to become more involved with the club through:

- Becoming a Range Officer
- Accounting services (supporting the Treasurer)
- Training management (supporting the Secretary)
- Committee membership

Should you have an interest in supporting your club and fellow members, please let me know and we can align your skills with an activity that suits you.

Having said all that, it's the members that make the club what it is today. My heartfelt thanks to each member for their contributions to the club and friendliness each time we talk.

Kind Regards

Tony Filia

Secretary

Castle Hill RSL Pistol Club Inc.